

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An information processing system comprising:
~~a first information processing apparatus; for receiving a first content; and~~
~~a second information processing apparatus; for transmitting the first content to the first~~
~~information processing apparatus;~~
~~at least one processor;~~
~~at least one memory device storing instructions, which when executed by the at least one~~
~~processor cause the at least one processor to operate with the first information processing~~
~~apparatus and the second information processing apparatus to:~~
(a) ~~cause the first information processing apparatus to receive comprising, receiving~~
~~means for receiving the first content from the second information processing~~
~~apparatus; and the second information processing apparatus comprising,~~
(b) ~~cause the second information processing apparatus to acquire first acquisition~~
~~means for acquiring the first content;,~~
(c) ~~cause the second information processing apparatus to acquire second acquisition~~
~~means for acquiring a second content;,~~
(d) ~~combine synthesis means for combining the second content with the first content~~
~~in units of tiles, wherein a ranking and popularity are associated with each tile, the~~
~~ranking having a predetermined associated content;,~~
(e) ~~receive a first predetermined ranking of a first tile;~~
(f) ~~select a file based on said received first predetermined ranking, said file including~~
~~a first image of a second tile and a second image of a third tile, said file having a~~
~~tile counter value;~~
(g) ~~after the file is selected, read the first image;~~
(h) ~~increment the tile counter value;~~

- (i) after said tile counter value is incremented, for a second selection of the file, read the second image; and
- (j) cause the second information processing apparatus to transmit, to the first information processing apparatus, second transmission means for transmitting a resultant content obtained by combining the second content with the first content, by the synthesis means, to the first information processing apparatus.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An information processing method for an information processing system comprising a first information processing apparatus for receiving a first content and a second information processing apparatus for transmitting the first content to the first information processing apparatus, the information processing method comprising:

an information processing method for the first information processing apparatus, comprising:

causing the first information apparatus to receive a receiving step of receiving the first content from the second information processing apparatus; and

an information processing method for the second information processing apparatus, comprising:

causing the second apparatus to acquire a first acquisition step of acquiring the first content;

causing the second apparatus to acquire a second acquisition step of acquiring a second content;

combining a synthesis step of combining the second content with the first content in units of tiles, wherein a ranking and popularity are associated with each tile, the ranking having a predetermined associated content;

receiving a first predetermined ranking of a first tile;

selecting a file based on said received first predetermined ranking, said file including a first image of a second tile and a second image of a third tile, said file having a tile counter value;

after the file is selected, reading the first image;

incrementing the tile counter value;

after said tile counter value is incremented, for a second selection of the file, reading the second image; and

a second transmission step of causing the second information processing apparatus to transmit, to the first information processing apparatus, transmitting a resultant content obtained by combining the second content with the first content, by the process of the synthesis step, to the first information processing apparatus.

Claim 3 (currently amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

a processor;

a memory device storing instructions, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to:

(a) receive receiving means for receiving a content from another information processing apparatus;

(b) detect:

(i) a first identification of a first tile being displayed by a display device; and

(ii) a second identification of a second tile detection means for detecting a tile being displayed by the display device, in the content, wherein a ranking and popularity are associated with the tile, the ranking having a predetermined associated content; and

holding means for holding information of the tile detected by the detection means; and

(c) generate and transmit transmission means for transmitting the information of the detected tiles held by the holding means to the another information processing apparatus, wherein the generated and transmitted information includes the detected first identification of the first tile and the detected second identification of the second tile.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus for receiving a content from another information processing apparatus, the information processing method comprising:

a receiving step of receiving a content from the another information processing apparatus;
a detection step of detecting;

- (a) a first identification of a first tile being displayed by a display device; and a tile
- (b) a second identification of a second tile being displayed by the display device, in the content, wherein a ranking and popularity are associated with the tile, the ranking having a predetermined associated content; and a holding step of holding information of the tile detected by the process of the detection step; and

generating and a transmission step of transmitting the information of the detected tiles tile held by the process of the holding step to the another information processing apparatus, wherein the generated and transmitted information includes the detected first identification of the first tile and the detected second identification of the second tile.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A program storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program for an information processing apparatus for receiving a content from another information processing apparatus, the program comprising:

a receiving step of receiving a content from the another information processing apparatus; a detection step of detecting:

- (a) a first identification of a first tile being displayed by a display device; and
- (b) a second identification of a second tile being displayed by the display device, in the content, wherein a ranking and popularity are associated with the tile, the ranking having a predetermined associated content; and

a holding control step of controlling the holding of information of the tile detected by the process of the detection step; and

a transmission step of generating and transmitting the information of the detected tiles tile held by the process of the holding control step to the another information processing apparatus, wherein the generated and transmitted information includes the detected first identification of the first tile and the detected second identification of the second tile.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:
a processor;
a memory device storing instructions, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to:

- (a) acquire first acquisition means for acquiring a first content;
- (b) acquire second acquisition means for acquiring a second content;
- (c) combine synthesis means for combining the second content with the first content in units of tiles, wherein a ranking and popularity are associated with each tile, the ranking having a predetermined associated content;
- (d) receive a first predetermined ranking of a first tile;
- (e) select a file based on said received first predetermined ranking, said file including a first image of a second tile and a second image of a third tile, said file having a tile counter value;
- (f) after the file is selected, read the first image;
- (g) increment the tile counter value;
- (h) after said tile counter value is incremented, for a second selection of the file, read the second image; and
- (i) transmit, to the another information processing apparatus, transmission means for transmitting a resultant content obtained by combining the second content with the first content in units of tiles, by the synthesis means, to another information processing apparatus.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The An information processing apparatus of according to Claim 7, wherein when executed by the processor, the instructions cause the processor to: further comprising:

- (a) receive receiving means for receiving information of a tile being displayed by the another information processing apparatus, from the another information processing apparatus; and
- (b) select selection means for selecting the second content to be combined with the first content, according to the information of the tile, received by the receiving

~~means, wherein the selected synthesis means combines the second content selected by the selection means is combined with the first content.~~

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~The An-information processing apparatus of according to Claim 8, wherein when executed by the processor, the instructions cause the processor to hold further comprising holding means for holding information of a specific tile specified in advance among tiles, wherein the synthesis means replaces a part of the first content, corresponding to the specific tile with the second content, is replaced.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~The An-information processing apparatus of according to Claim 9, wherein when executed by the processor, the instructions cause the processor to calculate further comprising calculating means for calculating the popularity of the specific tile according to the information of the tile, wherein the selection means selects the second content is selected according to the popularity.~~

Claim 11 (currently amended): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus for transmitting a content to another information processing apparatus, the information processing method comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring a first content;

a second acquisition step of acquiring a second content;

a synthesis step of combining the second content with the first content in units of tiles, wherein a ranking and popularity are associated with each tile, the ranking having a predetermined associated content;

receiving a first predetermined ranking of a first tile;

selecting a file based on said received first predetermined ranking, said file including a first image of a second tile and a second image of a third tile, said file having a tile counter value;

after the file is selected, reading the first image;

incrementing the tile counter value;

after said tile counter value is incremented, for a second selection of the file, reading the second image; and

~~a transmission step of transmitting a resultant content, to the another information processing apparatus, obtained by combining the second content with the first content in units of tiles, by the process of the synthesis step, to the another information processing apparatus.~~

Claim 12 (currently amended): A program storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program for an information processing apparatus for transmitting a content to another information processing apparatus, the program comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring a first content;

a second acquisition step of acquiring a second content;

a synthesis step of combining the second content with the first content in units of tiles, wherein a ranking and popularity are associated with each tile, the ranking having a predetermined associated content;

a receiving step of receiving a first predetermined ranking of a first tile;

a selecting step of selecting a file based on said received first predetermined ranking, said file including a first image of a second tile and a second image of a third tile, said file having a tile counter value;

after the file is selected, a reading step of reading the first image;

an incrementing step of incrementing the tile counter value;

after said tile counter value is incremented, for a second selection of the file, a reading step of reading the second image; and

a transmission step of transmitting a resultant content obtained by combining the second content with the first content in units of tiles by the process of the synthesis step, to the another information processing apparatus.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): The An-information processing apparatus of according to Claim 7, wherein when executed by the processor, the instructions cause the processor to cause a display to output further comprising a display means for outputting a screen divided into a plurality of tiles.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The An-information processing apparatus of according to
Claim 10, wherein when executed by the processor, the instructions cause the processor to
calculate the calculating means calculates the popularity of the specific tile based on information
of an adjacent tile.